

which we have had from the right hon. the Prime Minister and the right hon. the leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meighen). I had not a long acquaintance with any of the deceased, but sitting here day by day, month after month, during the last session of parliament, one could not help forming a fair estimate of the men whose loss we now deplore.

The late Mr. Kennedy, I think, must very easily have impressed all new members as being a man of ability and character, whom it was well to know, a real man in every sense of the word. He undertook a great task and discharged it faithfully and creditably, and I am sure we all keenly regret his death. In Mr. Kennedy's decease the Prime Minister has lost a valuable friend and the government an able counsellor, while the country at large has suffered an equal loss.

In Hon. Mr. Stewart, too, we all recognized a man of ability, one who proved a shining light in this House and whom we could all admire. We know his record, and I am sure we deeply deplore the fact that he will be with us no longer. It did not require very much discernment, nor much knowledge of character, to realize not only that Mr. Stewart was a man of ability, but that also he was of a kindly and genial nature. Surely we all sincerely regret the loss of these two bright lights.

I shall not labour the fine qualities of Dr. Blackadder. Studying him across the floor of the House, I came to admire him. I learnt that he was a highly valued member of his community, and that he had lived a useful life and had done much service for his country. Not only the House, but his constituents as well, will greatly miss him.

Of Mr. Lafortune a great deal might be said. As I sat in this chamber last session I could not help being impressed by the assiduous attention he paid to his duties, as well as by his regular attendance throughout the session. I cannot speak about his past services, not having been acquainted with him, but I am confident he must have been greatly beloved by his constituents. He had lived a long and useful life, and having done his day's work he has been called home and has gone to rest at eventide. With the other two eminent speakers who have referred to these departed gentlemen, I think it is but fitting that some intimation should be given to the bereaved, as has been done this afternoon, of the esteem in which those who have gone were held in this House, and whose presence we shall greatly miss.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

[Mr. Forke.]

## Thursday, February 1, 1923

The House met at three o'clock.

### REPORTS AND PAPERS

Auditor General's report for the year ended 31 March, 1922, three volumes complete—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of Governor General's warrants issued since last session of Parliament on account of 1922-23—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of the Auditor General respecting over-rulings by the Treasury Board of the decision of the Auditor General—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of expenditures on account of Unforeseen Expenses from April 1, 1922, to January 31, 1923—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of temporary loans—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of endorsements made or liabilities incurred under the Act respecting the shipbuilding industry—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of superannuation and retiring allowances from January 1, 1922, to December 31, 1922—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of Civil Service Insurance for the year ended 31 March, 1922—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Statement of Returned Soldiers' Insurance for year ended 31 March, 1922—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Report of the Superintendent of Insurance of the business of 1921—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Abstract statement of loan and trust companies in Canada for year ended December 31, 1921—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Report of the Royal Society of Canada for the year ended April 30, 1922—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Report of the National Battlefields Commission for the year ended March 31, 1922—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Report of the Ottawa Improvement Commission for the year ended March 31, 1922—Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1922—Right Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King.

Report of Canadian delegates to the Third Assembly of the League of Nations, September 3 to 30, 1922—Right Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King.

Report of Canadian delegates to the third assembly of the League of Nations—Right Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King.

Report of Canadian delegates to the Genoa Conference for the economic reconstruction of Europe—Right Hon. Mr. Mackenzie King.